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SUBJ: CHINESE POSTPONE INAUGURAL OF CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES
SERVICE

REF: OTTAWA 0755

1. ACCORDING TO CANADIAN COMMISSION SOURCE, CAAC
ADVISED CANADIAN EMBASSY PEKING MARCH 22 THAT CANADIANS
SHOULD DELAY INAUGURAL CPA SERVICES DUE TO TECHNICAL
AND OTHER PROBLEMS. THESE INCLUDE, E.G., LACK OF
RADIO FACILITIES TO PASS INFORMATION ON WEATHER AND
PASSENGERS; ACCOMMODATION FOR STAFF AND CREWS; AND
RECOMMENDATION THAT CPA LAND SHANGHAI NOT PEKING.
CANADIANS DEMURRED ON SHANGHAI, CLAIMED PEKING LANDING
COVERED BY TERMS BILATERAL AGREEMENT, AND OFFERED SEND
DELEGATION TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS. CHINESE TURNED
ASIDE THIS SUGGESTION WITH RESPONSE THAT CHINESE FIRST
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WISHED CONSIDER OWN ANSWERS TO THESE PROBLEMS.

2. ASKED IF CHINESE HAD BECOME STICKY BECAUSE JAPANESE MAY HAVE GOTTEN TO THEM, CANADIAN COMMISSION SOURCE SAID IT MORE LIKELY THAT CHINESE SIMPLY SURPRISED THAT CPA WAS PREPARED TO MOVE SO SOON, AND PROBABLY DID NOT WANT SERVICE INAUGURATED IN MIDST CELEBRATIONS MAY 4 ANNIVERSARY (OF 1919 STUDENT UPRISING AGAINST JAPAN'S TWENTY-ONE DEMANDS).

3. SOURCE ADVISED CONGEN THAT CANADIAN EMBASSY PEKING HAD NOT PASSED THIS REPORT TO THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AND REQUESTED THAT IT BE CLOSELY HELD.
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